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SUBJ: CIVAIR: PAN AM SCHEDULE CHANGES

REF: STATE 85071

1. AS REQUESTED REFTEL, EMBASSY FILED REVISED PAN AM SCHEDULE PROVIDING FOR RE-INTRODCCTION OF NY-FAIRBANKS-TOKYO ROUTE, WHICH HAD BEEN TERMINATED EFFECTIVE APRIL 9, WITH FONOFF AFTERNOON APRIL 15. IN COVERING LETTER EMBASSY REGRETTED SITUATION CAUSING IT TO MAKE ITS REQUEST ON VERY SHORT NOTICE (2 DAYS INSTEAD OF 45) AND SOUGHT WAIVER OF USUAL NOTIFICATION PERIOD.

2. EMBASSY IS RATHER PUZZLED BY APPARENTLY CONFLICTING DECISIONS TAKEN WITHIN USG ON PAN AM SCHEDULE AND BELIEVES IT PUTS US IN WEAK POSITION IN BARGAINING ON OTHER ISSUES, ESPECIALLY CBIT FARE QUESTION, WITH GOJ. EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT PAN AM'S PROPOSED SCHEDULE CHANGES, WHICH WERE SUBMITTED TO FONOFF FEBRUARY 28 IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS STATE 41077, HAD BEEN APPROVED BY APPROPRIATE WASHINGTON AGENCIES. UNDOUBTEDLY, GOJ OPERATED ON THAT ASSUMPTION. ACCORDINGLY, USCAB DECISION THAT PAN AM CANNOT TERMINATE NY-FAIRBANKS-TOKYO SERVICE SEEMS TO REPRESENT REVERSAL OF EARLIER DECISON. AT MINIMUM, WE BELIEVE WE OWE IT TO GOJ TO PROVIDE CLARIFICATION/

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BACKGROUND OF CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH CAUSED US

TO REQUEST RE-INTRODUCTION OF THAT SERVICE ON TWO
DAYS' NOTICE.

3. WHILE THIS ISSUE AND THAT OF CBIT FARE
ARE OBVIOUSLY SEPARATE, THERE DOES APPEAR TO BE
INCONSISTENCY IN PRESSING GOJ TO ABIDE BY THE LETTER
OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS ON FARES WHILE WE URGE
SPECIAL CONSIDERATION ON SCHEDULES
(EVEN THOUGH WE ARE ASKING FOR SUCH CONSIDERATION IN
ADVANCE, NOT AFTER THE FACT, AS JCAB SEEMS TO BE DOING
ON CBIT FARES). HOPEFULLY, GOJ WILL NOT FIND
DIFFICULTIES WITH SCHEDULE CHANGE AND WILL APPROVE IT
WITHOUT FUSS. HOWEVER, OUR ACTION MAY SERVE TO
STRENGTHEN GOJ'S POSITION, OR AT LEAST HOPES, ON
CBIT ISSUE.
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